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GRAND JURY IN WICHITA RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Kansas City, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that 10 individuals have been indicted by a federal grand jury in Wichita, Kan. Those indicted include:

Israel Reyna-Gandara, 27, a citizen of Mexico, who is charged with illegally reentering the United States after he had been convicted July 12, 2002 of possession of cocaine and deported.

If convicted, Reyna-Gandara faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James Brown.

Oris E. Serpan, 53, Colwich, Kan., who is charged with stealing an article from the mails while employed by the United States Postal Service in Wichita, Kan.

If convicted, Serpan faces up to five years in federal prison and a fine of \$250,000. The case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lanny Welch.

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Rafael Moreno-Lugo, 36, a citizen of Mexico, who is charged with illegally reentering the United States after he was convicted Dec. 12, 1996 of a weapons charge, and Dec. 1, 1990 for felony possession of marijuana. He was deported from the United States both times.

If convicted, Moreno-Lugo faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James Brown.

Kurtis Wayne Schreiner, 50, Kansas City, Mo., who is charged with three counts of obstructing justice by attempting to intimidate witnesses.

A complaint and affidavit filed with the court alleged that Schreiner is the brother-in-law of Kevin McLaughlin. McLaughlin is currently in custody and awaiting sentencing on a 1992 federal drug charge. McLaughlin failed to appear for his sentencing in 1994 and was not apprehended until 2004.

The indictment alleges that on Sept. 21, 2004, Schreiner confronted Charles McGee, who was a co-defendant in the federal case, *United States of America vs. Kevin L. McLaughlin*. According to the indictment, Schreiner demanded that McGee write out a false statement claiming a clandestine drug laboratory cited in the case had nothing to do with McLaughlin. Schreiner allegedly said that if McGee failed to write the statement he would “die a slow and painful death.”

The indictment also charges that on Sept. 21, 2004, Schreiner confronted Doug Rogers, who was a witness in the case against McLaughlin. According to the indictment, Schreiner told Rogers he wanted an affidavit from Rogers falsely stating that McLaughlin had nothing do with the drug laboratory. Schreiner allegedly told Rogers that if he failed to do so, “McLaughlin would not go down alone.”

The complaint also alleges that on Oct. 5, 2004, Schreiner confronted McGee once more and again demanded that McGee write out a false statement claiming a clandestine drug laboratory cited in the case had nothing to do with McLaughlin.

If convicted, Schreiner faces up to 10 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine on each count. The case was investigated by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Hough.

Jorge Rodriguez-Lopez, 21, a citizen of Mexico, who is charged with one count of possessing, using or attempting to use false documents authorizing him to be in the United States and one count of possessing false identification documents including a social security card and a resident alien card.

If convicted, Rodriguez-Lopez faces up to 10 years in federal prison, including a mandatory consecutive sentence of 2 years on the charge of possessing, using or attempting to use false

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documents; and up to 5 years in prison, including a mandatory consecutive sentence of 2 years on the charge of possessing false documents.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

Jose Anchondo-Villa, 25, a citizen of Mexico, who is charged with reentering the United States and being found on Oct. 8, 2004 in Ulysses, Kan., after having been deported subsequent to a felony conviction.

If convicted, Anchondo-Villa faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

Ruben Sanchez-Carrillo, 29, a citizen of Guatemala, who is charged with reentering the United States and being found on Oct. 1, 2004 in Liberal, Kan., after having been deported subsequent to an aggravated felony conviction.

If convicted, Sanchez-Carrillo faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

Miguel Angel Rodriquez-Vasquez, 27, a citizen of Mexico, who is charged with illegally reentering the United States and being found on May 13, 2004 in Wyandotte County, Kan., after having been deported subsequent to an aggravated felony conviction.

If convicted, Rodriquez-Vasquez faces up to 20 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

Manuel Almanza-Rincon, 31, a citizen of Mexico, who is charged with illegally reentering the United States and being found on Oct. 18, 2004 in Dodge City, Kan. after having been previously deported.

If convicted, Almanza-Rincon faces up to 10 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson.

Jeffery Tellinghuisen, 24, Wichita, Kan., who is charged in an 18-count indictment with a series of crimes including firearms and drug charges.

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The charges against Tellinghuisen include five counts of illegally possessing a firearm or ammunition after a felony conviction; five counts of illegally possessing a firearm while being a user of controlled substances; three counts of possessing stolen firearms; one count of possessing methamphetamine; one count of possessing marijuana; one count of possessing a firearm with the serial number removed; one count of possessing a sawed off shotgun that was not registered to him; and one count of possession of cocaine.

If convicted, Tellinghuisen faces up to 10 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 on each of the five counts of possessing a firearm or ammunition following a felony conviction; up to 10 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine on each of five counts of possessing a firearm or ammunition while using controlled substances; up to 10 years and a \$250,000 fine on each count of three counts of possessing a stolen firearm; up to one year in prison and a \$1,000 fine on each of the three counts of possessing drugs; up to five years and a \$250,000 fine on the charge of possessing a firearm with the serial number removed; up to five years and a \$250,000 fine on the charge of possessing an unregistered sawed off shotgun.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Matt Treaster.

As in any criminal case, a person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The indictments filed merely contain allegations of criminal conduct.

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